Re-submission of FPI projects

2110. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:
SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has submitted a proposal to the Prime Minister which was earlier proposed by Late Shri Rajiv Gandhi for food processing industry;

(b) if so, whether the key pending projects started with at least Rs. 2000 crores whereas the entire Tenth Plan totalled Rs. 650 crores and in the last budget, the outlay was nearly Rs. 186.55 crores;

(c) whether the allocation to his Ministry was Rs. 90.68 crores for 2004-05;

(d) if so, how many projects which have not fully been taken, will be considered during Tenth Five Year Plan; and

(e) the allotment made for these projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) to (e) Government has formulated and implemented several Plan Schemes to provide financial assistance for establishment and modernization of food processing units, creation of infrastructure, support for R&D, human resource development besides other promotional measures to encourage development of food processing industries in the country. Under the scheme for technology upgradation/establishment/modernization of FPIs financial assistance @25% of the project cost in general areas and @33.33% in difficult areas is provided subject to a maximum of Rs. 50 lakh and Rs. 75 lakh respectively. The other major scheme of food parks provides for assistance upto Rs. 4.00 crore for specified common facilities @25% and 33.33% of the project cost in general and difficult areas respectively. So far 50 food parks have been sanctioned assistance under this scheme.

Tenth Plan Outlay of the Ministry of Food Processing Industries is Rs. 650 crore as against Rs. 235 crore allocated in the Ninth Plan. Revised plan fund allocation of the Ministry during 2004-05 was Rs. 85 crore. Subsequent to discussions held in the Planning Commission an

enhanced amount of Rs. 180 crore has been allocated for 2005-06 for expenditure under various Plan Schemes of the Ministry.

Clinical trial on AIDS vaccine

2111. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Pune based National AIDS Research Institute has embarked upon the India's first ever clinical trial on humans for an AIDS vaccine;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the TRC is awaiting official communication from the Genetic Engineering Approval Committee to launch the trials; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) Yes, Sir. Trial of AIDS vaccine has been launched on 7th February, 2005 at National AIDS Research Institute (NARI), Pune on human volunteers.

The Adeno Associated Viral vaccine (AAV) is a candidate vaccine, which is under going Phase-I trial.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. TRC, Chennai has already received clearance for carrying out Phase I clinical trial MVA based HIV vaccine candidate from the Genetic Engineering Approval Committee by the end of June, 2005.

National Commission on Macro Economics and Health

2112. SHRI R.P. GOENKA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Commission on Macro Economics and Health, set up to assess the means to ensure that the poor get free treatment, has submitted its report recently; and

(b) if so, the details of the major recommendations made by the commission and the action taken/proposed to be taken thereon?

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